

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Previously, claims 1-13 were pending with claim 1 being independent.

This amendment amends claim 1 to more specifically recite the method of stabilizing the glue. Claim 6, although currently withdrawn from consideration, has been amended to include the recitations from claim 7. Claim 7 has accordingly been canceled. The dependencies of some of the claims depending from claim 6 have also been amended.

New claim 14 is based on independent claim 1, reciting more specifically that the method comprises *the sequential steps*.

As an initial matter, applicants respectfully request reconsideration as to the restriction requirement. Given that claim 6 has been amended to specifically recite the device so that it is more clearly limited to one which would be used only with the method of claim 1, the basis for the restriction requirement is believed to be traversed.

The Official Action objected to the specification. Responsively, the specification has been amended.

The Official Action objected to certain phraseology within claim 1. Responsively, claim 1 has been amended.

The Official Action rejected claims 3-5 under §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

These claims have been amended so as to remedy the stated basis of rejection. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 stand rejected as anticipated by EWERLOF et al. 6,402,880.

Claims 3-5 stand rejected as obvious over EWERLOF et al. in view of KAZUMZI (JP 62124629).

For claim 1 to be rejected the reference must teach each recitation of the claim.

The reference shows a means of stabilizing the glue utilizing a second disc with the light source being held stationary.

This is in contrast with the method of the present invention. See Figure 6, original claim 7, the abstract, and the original specification. These disclose that the light source 24 is moved in a radial direction with respect to the mandrel in making the stabilizing the glue step.

So as to patentably distinguish the present invention, claim 1 has been amended to recite stabilizing the glue with a light source being displaced in a radial direction following the progression of the glue front. Such a method is neither taught nor obvious by the applied references.

In view of this, claim 1 as well as the claims depending therefrom are believed to be obvious.

Also note that the applied reference uses this UV lamp 40 to cure the glue, wherein the light is applied near the disc central hole. As taught by column 5, beginning with line 30, this requires that the flexible center peg be withdrawn from the disc when the center curing process is complete. However, note that the disc is not finally cured until after the peg has been withdrawn and the disc is rotated on a UV dryer. This UV dryer is not shown in the drawing figures but is disclosed in the text found in column 5 between lines 30 and 35.

As noted above, new claim 14 recites the invention using the specific limitation of "the sequential steps of". In view of this, claim 14 is believed to be allowable for this further reason that the disc is fully cured under the invention prior to removing the glued-together disc halves from the rotary member.

In summary, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested. Allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested.

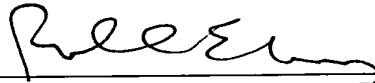
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